

SENATE RESOLUTION 610—RECOGNIZING THAT FOR 50 YEARS, THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI HAS WORKED WITH THE UNITED STATES TOWARD STABILITY, PROSPERITY, AND PEACE IN THE PACIFIC AND BEYOND, AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN A STRONG, RELIABLE, AND ACTIVE PARTNER IN THE PACIFIC

Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 610

Whereas Fiji became independent of the United Kingdom on October 10, 1970;

Whereas Fiji is a valued security partner of the United States, participating in the International Military Education and Training (IMET) program, which sends members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces to professional military education courses in the United States;

Whereas the Republic of Fiji Military Forces deployed to Australia in January 2020 to assist with the Australian bushfires and look to contribute to future United Nations peacekeeping operations;

Whereas Fiji participates in workshops sponsored by United States Indo-Pacific Command covering international humanitarian law, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR), maritime security, peacekeeping, and search and rescue operations;

Whereas, since signing a shiprider agreement with Fiji in 2019, the United States has hosted Fijian shipriders on United States Navy and Coast Guard vessels;

Whereas the United States Government supports strengthening cooperative activities with the Government of Fiji, including sustainable fisheries management and those authorized by the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-109);

Whereas section 1252 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) expands the number of countries that receive assistance under the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Initiative, including Fiji;

Whereas a peaceful, prosperous, and open Indo-Pacific rooted in a rule-based order that promotes security, opportunity, and dignity to all peoples benefits the people of both the United States and Fiji;

Whereas Fiji restored democratic governance in 2014;

Whereas over 30,000 United States citizens trace their roots to Fiji, and many of these reside in California;

Whereas Fiji has hosted the Peace Corps since 1968;

Whereas Des Plaines, Illinois, and Nailuva, Fiji, are sister cities, a broad-based, long-term partnership to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation centered on people-to-people exchanges; and

Whereas the Nevada National Guard entered into a State Partnership Program with Fiji in 2019: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Republic of Fiji on a successful return to democracy and 2 elections deemed to be free and fair by international observers;

(2) supports and affirms the full implementation of provisions of the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-409) with regard to deepening its cooperation with Fiji in areas of mutual interest, includ-

ing fisheries and marine resource conservation, environmental challenges and resilience, global health, development and trade, and people-to-people ties, as well as continuing United States assistance, as appropriate, to support the rule of law, good governance, and economic development; and

(3) recognizes Fiji's participation in multinational security forces and multilateral institutions, including the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Trade Organization, the Pacific Community, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme, and the Pacific Islands Forum.

SENATE RESOLUTION 611—RECOGNIZING THAT FOR 50 YEARS, THE KINGDOM OF TONGA HAS WORKED WITH THE UNITED STATES TOWARD STABILITY, PROSPERITY, AND PEACE IN THE PACIFIC AND BEYOND, AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN A STRONG, RELIABLE, AND ACTIVE PARTNER IN THE PACIFIC

Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 611

Whereas Tonga's Queen Salote Tupou III negotiated for the end of British protectorate status for her nation and transition to Commonwealth membership, which bore fruit in 1970;

Whereas Tonga is a valued security partner of the United States, and the Tongan Defense Services deployed four contingents to Iraq between 2004 and 2008;

Whereas, in the coming year, the United States is committed to deepening this relationship through security cooperation, including hosting Tongan defense forces for International Military Education and Training (IMET) programs;

Whereas the United States Government supports many cooperative activities with the Government of Tonga in sustainable fisheries management and development assistance, including those authorized by the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-409);

Whereas section 1252 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) expands the number of countries that receive assistance under the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Initiative, including Tonga;

Whereas a peaceful, prosperous, and open Indo-Pacific rooted in a rule-based order that promotes security, opportunity, and dignity to all peoples benefits the people of both the United States and the Kingdom of Tonga;

Whereas the Kingdom of Tonga, a constitutional monarchy, took steps towards democratic governance beginning in 2010;

Whereas over 50,000 United States citizens trace their roots to the Kingdom of Tonga, and many of these reside in the States of Utah, California, and Hawaii;

Whereas Tonga has hosted the Peace Corps since 1967; and

Whereas the Nevada National Guard entered into a State Partnership Program with Tonga in 2014: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Kingdom of Tonga on a successful transition to a constitutional

monarchy and 3 elections deemed to be free and fair by international observers;

(2) supports and affirms the full implementation of provisions of the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-409) with regard to deepening its cooperation with Tonga in areas of mutual interest, including fisheries and marine resource conservation, environmental challenges and resilience, global health, development and trade, people-to-people ties, and continuing United States assistance, as appropriate, to support the rule of law, good governance, and economic development; and

(3) recognizes Tonga's participation in multinational security forces and multilateral institutions including the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Trade Organization, the Pacific Community, the Secretariat of the Regional Environmental Programme, and the Pacific Islands Forum.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1593. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1957, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1594. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1957, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1595. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1957, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1596. Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1957, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1597. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JONES, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. SHELBY, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1957, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1598. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1957, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1593. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1957, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in subtitle A of title I, insert the following:

SEC. 1. HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND REFORM.

(a) EXPENDITURE OF COLLECTIONS FROM HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 210 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2238) is amended—

(A) by striking the section designation and heading and inserting the following: